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THE YUGOSLAV PREMILITARY ORGANIZATION

The Yugoslav Premilitary Organization includes hundreds of thousands of young men and women. Premilitary instruction is given according to regulations issued by the government. Youth, including workers, farm youth, and students, obtain basic military and political instruction in numerous training centers located throughout Yugoslavia. The organization prepares them for easier mastery of military theory and technique when they enter the Yugoslav Army. Meetings are held 2 hours weekly.

Captain Kostovic is commander and Captain Radojevic executive officer of the Novi Beograd camp, which was completed 4 April 1950 and can accommodate 80,000 youth. An assembly of trainees from various training centers was held 5 April 1950. Over 30,000 young men and women attended during the first 10 days.

Nikola Vukašinovic, director of the "Cer" Municipal Building Enterprise in Belgrade, and his assistant, Vasa Kosanovic, have organized the premilitary organization in that enterprise.

Zivojin Jovanovic is commander and Vojislav Milosevic platoon leader of the premilitary training center in Belgrade.

Vladimir Bicanic, a zastavnik (ensign bearer) in the Yugoslav Army Reserve, is responsible for the premilitary organization at the Sisak Gymnasium /secondary school/. Over 90 youth work in amateur radio, amateur photography, and in para-troop training; 127 young men and women are in the shooting club.

The premilitary training center at the "Milinko Kusic" Foundry in Ivanjica is composed of 10 platoons. Milorad Nesovanovic is the commander of the organization; Dragoljub Ocokoljic is the executive officer. A large number of the youth are interested in amateur photography and radio; 30 are being trained as motor-cycle drivers, and 150 are in the sports club.

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Assemblies of premilitary farm youth in Murska Sobota Srez were organized in ten places, so that each assembly included two or three training centers. The commander for the assembly of training centers from the villages of Salovac and Petrovac was Stefan Zisko, a noncommissioned officer of the Yugoslav Army Reserve. He had three platoons. Two of his platoon leaders were Alojz Kercman, who has not served in the army, and Ludvig Dajic. The assembly of training centers held in the village of Beltinci was in charge of 2d Lt Nikola Lekic. Stefan Kevac, platoon leader at this assembly, was in charge of gas-mask instruction. Ninety girls attended this assembly.

The premilitary training center in the village of Rudara in Kosanica Srez is commanded by Bozidar Dremicanin, secretary of the Municipal People's Council. Political instruction is given by Radomir Vukovic.

The Navigation and Ship Federation of Yugoslavia trained over 4,600 youth in ship-model making, sailing, and in operating? kayaks and motorships. The federation plans to train over 8,700 youth in 1950.

The premilitary training center in the village of Vidosevac was again the winner of the competition among the training centers in Glinska Srez.

About 1,500 young men and women joined the Yugoslav Premilitary Organization in Titograd in 1950. Of these, 560 were workers in various enterprises and the others were middle-school students. Bace Stanisica is commander of the workers.

Sime Stegic, a zastavnik in the Yugoslav Army Reserve, is commander of the premilitary training center in the village of Tiješno in Šibenik Srez.

Uros Milojevic, noncommissioned officer in the Yugoslav Army Reserve, is working with the premilitary organization of youth in the villages of Dervent, Kostres, and Zeračvac.

Osman Donlegic is commander of the premilitary training center of the village of Jakupovici below Kozara. Most of the members of the organization have joined the Popular Technology Club which was organized by the farm worker's cooperative in the village. At the club, youth are familiarizing themselves with the operation of engines and tractors, etc.

The premilitary training center in the village of Orahovica, commanded by reserve noncommissioned officers, is the best-trained center in Radoviste Srez.

A demonstration in which 16 premilitary instruction centers participated was held in the Leskovac Srez region.

Martin Leskosek, instructor in the premilitary organization at the industrial iron school at Maribor, teaches 156 students in various branches of physical education. The youth have also begun to join the branch of the Popular Technology Organization; 23 are interested in amateur photography and 15 in gliders.

Farm youth from 19 premilitary training centers in Nis Srez encamped from 10 to 19 March 1950 for military practice. The training centers from Drzina and Petrovac, which were encamped at Vojnegovac, were the best trained. Officers from Major Banjac's unit in Piroć assisted.

The premilitary training centers of farm youth in Pukovac, Bubici, Konjarnik, Zlata, Rastovnica, Oblacina, Mekis, and Voljcinac were the best trained of the training centers which encamped in Dobric Sprez. Officers and noncommissioned officers of the garrison at Prokuplje assisted in training personnel and in practice drills.

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Over 1,000 youth are members of the premilitary training center at the "Djuro Dajakovic" Factory in Slavonski Brod. The leaders of the platoons are officers and noncommissioned officers of the Yugoslav Army Reserve; leaders of the squads are selected from the youth themselves. Oroz Ilija is the commander of the center, Josip Fabcic the political instructor. Platoon leaders, all army-trained, are Jovo Antic, Ante Samardjic, Ivan Trnokop, Spasoje Rakic, and Josip Pihlep. Great attention is being given to including as many youth as possible in societies and organizations through which they can achieve technical knowledge and physical strength. Seventy-five percent of the youth at this center joined the shooting club, 320 the Popular Technology Club, and about 800 various physical culture clubs.

Cedomir Terzic, instructor in the First Men's Gymnasium in Belgrade, gives lessons in firing.

About 80,000 young men and women, students in premilitary instruction from the institutes and the higher schools, gymnasiums and technical schools, enterprises and schools for agricultural trainees, and work areas, attended the technical assembly organized by the Belgrade Command of the Military Oblast.

Andjelko Raicevic, a zastavnik in the Yugoslav Army Reserve, is the commander of the premilitary training center at the "Treci Maj" Shipyard. The center has over 20 platoons. They are led by Krste Stejic, Hamid Bijedic, Vlado Blaskovic, Ivan Resetar, and Mihail Zivkovic, and other leaders.

The premilitary training at the Agricultural and Forestry Institute at Zemun is under the leadership of instructors Golubic and Stojakovic.

The units of the Sarajevo garrison aid students of the premilitary organization at the Medical Institute in Sarajevo by supplying materiel and equipment.

The fifth premilitary training center of the Administration of Wharfs for the Northern Adriatic is among the best-trained centers in Rijeka. Ante Bojcic is commander.

Jove Djordjevic, a zastavnik in the Yugoslav Army Reserve, is commander of the premilitary training center in the village of Capardi. This center is the best-trained one in Zvornik Srez.

Four premilitary training centers are located in the territory of the branch unit commanded by 1st Lt Zlatko Barjaktarevic. The unit receives plans from the centers, and the noncommissioned officers prepare accordingly to aid and instruct the youth.

The youth of the premilitary training center of the Industrial School of the Maribor Textile Factory have arranged a room for equipment. As a result, 90 youth voluntarily joined.

The Second Technological Institute in Zagreb has a premilitary training program.

Zdravko Cukic is commander of the premilitary organization in the municipal people's council of Trepca in Andrijeva Srez.

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